

air, to find out, if possible, the cause of her inquietude; and, by looking attentively, discover a black spot just under the clouds, but are unable at first to determine what it is. This is a bird of prey, which, although at too great a distance to be immediately distinguished by human sight, could not escape the vigilance and penetrating eye of this indulgent parent. It is this that creates her fears, and puts her whole tribe into such an agony.

Who, my little dears, could inform this mother of an approaching enemy that had never injured her, and hitherto had shewn no act of hostility in the country? Which way could she discover this unknown bird of prey at such a prodigious distance? What private instructions had she given her young family, that they could so readily distinguish, as occasion required, between the intention of one cry and the other, and to regulate their conduct by her language! It is clear,
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my children, that the wisdom of God is conspicuous in every part of the creation. The further you advance in years, the more you will learn of these truths, and new objects will constantly arise for your contemplations.

This will be a hot day, children, though there is a fine breeze coming off that water. See that proud swan, with what state and majesty he sails along, with his snow-white wings expanded to catch the wafting gale! How grand his neck looks, and how beautiful his tail! And pray observe his mate, how proud she is of her young cygnets, and in what pomp she conducts them on the surface of the water. Were any dog to attempt to molest her young, she would soon drown him, by keeping him under water with one of her wings.

See, at a little distance, what a mean figure that goose makes, when compared with the stately swan. This answers